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Relay for Life 2007 starts up again

By Corey Meissner
Staff Writer

Salisbury University's Relay for Life held its kickoff meeting last Friday. Co-chairs Julie Bayer and Justin McJilton led the meeting, aiming to begin preparations for Relay 2007.

Relay for Life, begun in 1985 by Dr. Gordy Klatt, is an international event held in 19 different countries. Over 4,700 communities participate in the fundraiser, which benefits the American Cancer Society (ACS). By 2015, the ACS aims to prevent nearly five million deaths from cancer, stop six million new cancer diagnoses, and to help improve the quality of life of current cancer patients. The money raised at Relay for Life helps the ACS to forward its goals.

"Relay has an amazing history at SU," Bayer said. Last year's relay raised \$138,457 for the ACS. SU has participated in Relay for Life for the past 5 years, and has been ranked in the top 2 relays per capita 3 out of those 5 years. Last year, SU raised \$3.14 per person on campus, while College Park was not able to raise even \$1 per person. The total of the money raised by WVU, Duke, and College Park combined is still less than that raised by SU last year.

Bayer informed the crowd that they will also have the chance to become part of Salisbury University's new chapter of Colleges Against Cancer. "Relay for Life is a great event," Bayer said, "but it only happens once a year." Colleges Against Cancer will hold events year-round in an attempt to raise even more money for the ACS.

This year's Relay for Life will be held on May 4 and 5, and will have a multicultural theme. Team registration is free before Dec. 31.



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The cards in the box hold information about the holiday wishlist of a child, such as age, sizes, gender, etc. Volunteers were asked to choose a card from the box and purchase a gift to give their child for the holidays.



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2006 Holiday Angels spread seasonal cheer

By Sarah Lake
Staff Writer

The Shore CAN volunteer services at SU and the Guerrieri University Center are presenting the 2006 "Holiday Angels" program, a charitable, giving community project. The purpose of the program is to provide much needed holiday gifts to under-privileged children in the Salisbury area.

Angie Jones, Director of the Shore CAN Volunteer Center, said, "This was previously a project that only the volunteers did. We've

now partnered with GUC to make it a more campus-wide project."

Located in the GUC Fireside Lounge, there is a box filled with cards. Each card has the name, age (ranging from infant to 19), gender, clothing size, shoe size, and holiday wish list of a child. Participants are asked to select a card and record their name and telephone number on the sign in sheet located next to the box. "Angels" should then purchase a gift or gifts for the named child and then return the wrapped gift along with the card to the GUC

Information Desk or the Shore CAN Volunteer Center located in the career services office. All participants will receive a complimentary holiday bell ornament when the gift is delivered.

For the 2006 holiday season, the program accumulated roughly 200 names of children from various agencies throughout the Salisbury area. These agencies include Maple Shade, the Wicomico and Somerset County Department of Social Services, Joseph House Village, Project SIT, and the Life Crisis Center.

Jones said, "Anything off of the lists of items they'd like to have or any age-appropriate gifts would be acceptable and probably greatly appreciated."

Gifts and cards should be returned by Friday, December 15. Delivery of gifts will be made to the various agencies the week of December 18.

If participants have any questions, they are asked to contact Angie Jones at 410-546-6015 or Marie Bradford at 410-543-6102.

Campus warns caution due to robberies

By Sarah Lake
Staff Writer

Due to a string of unsolved robberies that occurred within close proximity of the SU campus, students are being asked to exercise special caution to prevent any further incidents.

On Sunday, Nov. 26 there were four robberies in the Salisbury area; all occurring within a time span of forty-five minutes. Two of the victims were SU students residing in University Village. The two remaining robberies occurred a little over four miles away, one on the 400 block of Moss Hill and one near Woodview Square.

Only three days later, there were two more robberies in the University Village area.

In all cases, the victims were approached by masked male suspects armed with handguns. Each incident appears to be random, not targeting any specific group of people and occurring when the opportunity arises.

Lieutenant Rantz of the Salisbury Police Department said, "We have paired up with other law enforcement agencies to provide extra enforcement. We have undercover officers on the streets in plain clothes to try to catch these guys."

Chief Lashley of the SU Police Department said, "There have been no on-campus robberies and we are aggressively taking action to prevent these types of crimes from occurring on university property."

Anyone with information regarding these robberies is asked to call the Salisbury Police Department at 410-548-3165 or Crime Solvers at 410-548-1776.

If any SU students feel uncomfortable walking alone at night, they can call the SU Police for an escort. Additional safety tips, along with what one should do if they become the victim of a robbery are available on the SUPD website.

Jane Austen Ball held to benefit genocide in Darfur

By Justin Ritter
Editorials Editor

Various students from Salisbury University put on their dancing shoes and attended a benefit ballroom dance, entitled the Jane Austen Ball, last Friday night in Holloway Hall. The event was initially intended for the members of the Bellavance Honors Program students who were a part of the Jane Austen's England class, but then the dance became open to the public in an attempt to raise funds for the ongoing crisis in the Sudanese region of Darfur.

Pairs of students, all dressed in the finest of attire, learned how to dance to such choreographed dances as the Comical Fellow and the Wakefield

Hunt. Hosting and training the students were Dr. Morrison and Dr. England, the advisors of the Bellavance Honors Program.

Zachary Haney, Salisbury University's President of Amnesty International, said of the benefit ball: "[Amnesty International's] focus is going to be on the women in Darfur; the peace process in Darfur has been going up and down and these women are in desperate need of help. All of the funds we raised tonight will be sent directly to Darfur through our regional Amnesty Director."

The money raised for the continuing struggle in Darfur has been one of many attempts by the citizens of the United States to help the civilians in this Sudanese region. In the

past three years, 400,000 people have been killed; more than 2 million have been displaced and have lost their homes permanently; also, nearly 3.5 million Sudanese men, women, and children are reliant on international aid.

The genocide in Darfur seems to currently be stagnant. In May of this year, the Khartoum government signed a peace treaty with the Sudan Liberation Movement, but many rebels have continued to revolt against the Sudan government. In August of this year, the government of Sudan rejected the United Nations resolution for a UN peace-keeping force in Darfur. Most recently, in November, around the town of Malakal, hundreds of civilians are believed to have been killed

as a result of heavy fighting in the region.

The citizens of Darfur are trapped within the ongoing war between the Sudanese government and the Sudanese rebels. The government has continuously attacked ethnic communities, often unprovoked, in an attempt to hinder the will of the indigenous Sudanese rebels. Funds raised by such benefits as the ball last Friday will hopefully help protect these civilians. If anyone wishes to contribute their support for the civilians of Darfur, contact Zach Haney or Amnesty International to learn how to make a difference. "It is never too late to help the people of Darfur; all we need to do is act," said Haney.



Submitted photos

Jonathan Moynihan dances with his partner at Jane Austen's Ball.

Story Brief

Men's basketball dominates York

The Sea Gulls (5-2, 1-0 CAC) began Capital Athletic Conference play with a win over the York College Spartans (3-2, 1-1 CAC), 93-81. The win did not come easy as the Spartans led early, however the Gulls scored 55 points in the second half to earn the victory.

The first twenty minutes were full of turnovers, foul trouble and injuries, and the Sea Gulls seemed to be absent on defense. "They were just coming down [the court] and we weren't causing any pain to them. We were just out there," Head Coach Steve Holmes said. Salisbury suffered a huge blow when freshmen forward Mike Hacke left the game with a high ankle sprain towards the end of the half. Nothing seemed to be going right as York took a 47-38 lead into halftime.



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BOOK DONATIONS

Blackwell Library is looking for donations for its semi-annual book sale. All types of books are welcome, and in any condition. This is a great way of getting rid of old novels or textbooks that you don't want to take home. Please leave your donations at the circulation desk of the library.

SU MAKES SATS OPTIONAL

The Board of Regents approved Salisbury University's plan to make the SAT requirement optional. Students who have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher will have the option of submitting an SAT or ACT score. The plan is expected to attract a more diverse pool of students to Salisbury over the next five years.

UN UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL SPEAKS AT SU

Ibrahim Agboola Gambari, Under-Secretary-General of the UN, is holding a speech Wednesday, Dec. 6, in Holloway Hall entitled "Promoting Peace Amidst Demanding Conflicts." Gambari was the former minister of external affairs of Nigeria as well as director-general for the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs. The speech is part of the Center for Conflict Resolution's "One Person Can Make a Difference" Lecture Series at SU. For more information call 410-543-6030.

CONGRATS TO GRADS

The Flyer would like to send out a congratulations to all seniors graduating in the 2006 December ceremony. Best of luck for the future!

Seven steps to a guilt-free holiday

With only 25 shopping days left 'til Christmas, Consumer Credit Counseling Service of MD & DE (CCCS) offers these money management tips for celebrating a sane and guilt-free holiday.

SET UP A SPENDING BUDGET.

Before you make holiday purchases, take a look at your household and personal expenses for December and the coming year. Write down and total up what you know you'll owe. Then subtract this total from your take-home pay or expected income. The amount left is the amount you can realistically afford to spend. Using this figure, set up a budget to cover gifts, decorations, entertainment, and other holiday expenses.

MAKE A LIST.

Follow Santa's example. Compile a list of all the people for whom you need or want to buy gifts, including babysitters, teachers, newspaper deliverers, etc. These small gifts can add up and are

often the cause of going over your gift budget. Determine how much you can afford to spend for each person's gift. Don't forget to add in the cost of Christmas cards, gift wrap, and postage.

CONSIDER CREATIVE GIFT-GIVING.

When it comes to gifts, many of us still believe "it's the thought that counts." Use your talents to make gifts that have a personal touch, such as tapestries, quilts, photo collages, poems, pastries or other prepared foods. If you don't have much time available, consider making fruit baskets — they're easy to create, healthy, and economical. BECOME A SAVVY SHOPPER.

Check out retail sales, special discounts, coupons in circulars or newspapers, and online bargains. Consider purchasing holiday decorations in-bulk and splitting the costs with friends and family members. Better yet, recycle last year's supply. Strategies such as these can lead to substantial savings.

AVOID LAST-MINUTE SHOPPING.

Shopping under stress can lead to impulsive buying, so avoid convenience shopping. Also plan out and limit your shopping trips. This will save you time, gas, and aggravation.

PAY WITH CASH WHENEVER POSSIBLE AND SPEND WISELY.

Stick to your spending limit. Pay with cash or a debit card whenever possible. To avoid the temptation of unplanned or unnecessary purchases, leave your checkbook and credit cards at home. If using credit is a must, limit purchases to one card. Use the credit card with the lowest interest rate, and don't charge more than you can afford to pay off in 90 days or less. Remember: Credit card debt amounts to a short-term loan. The longer the length of the loan, the more you will pay.

TO AVOID A POST-HOLIDAY DEBT HANGOVER, AVOID OVERSPENDING.

Keep track and tally up the receipts from all holiday expenses, including gifts, postage, meals, entertainment and decorations.

And once you've completed your shopping list, stop shopping! If you stick to your budget, you'll start 2007 with less debt and less stress. This could even inspire you to make a bold New Year's resolution: To keep your household budget balanced for the next 12 months.

Even with the best of intentions you may end the holiday shopping season with more debt than you planned. Remember, you don't have to solve your financial problems alone. Consumer Credit Counseling Service of MD & DE (CCCS) has trained and certified credit counselors who offer financial management and debt reduction services that are low-cost — and free.

CCCS is a nonprofit, community-based organization and a Member of the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC).

For more information on CCCS, call 1-800-642-2227 or visit the www.cccs-inc.org.

Crime beat

11/18/06 — 2:50 a.m.

Intoxicated Subject
University Police responded to Maggs Gym for an intoxicated student. The student was transported to PRMC by Salisbury EMS.

11/19/06 — 1:59 a.m.

CDS Violation
While checking a vehicle in the Caruthers Parking Lot, a University Police officer detected the presence of CDS. Subsequent investigation resulted in the recovery of CDS and paraphernalia. Criminal charges were filed against two students. Another student was charged on a Dept. of Juvenile Services, Police Request for Juvenile Charges form for CDS possession.

11/27/06 — 2 p.m. - 3:26 p.m.

Weapons Violation
University Police contacted a resident student in the Blackwell Library for possessing a pellet gun in violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

11/27/06 — 11:39 p.m.

Disorderly Conduct
University Police responded to Choptank Hall for a firework item being lit in the elevator.

Overheard: Would you take the new contraceptive pill they have out for men?

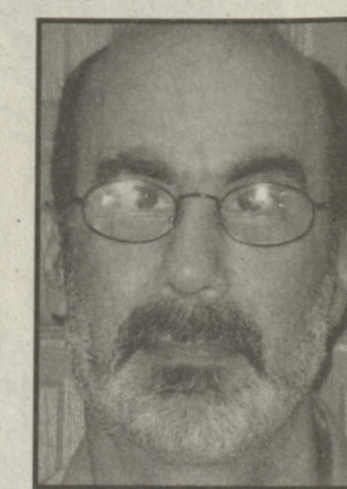
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"Hell yeah. Then you don't have to worry about whether the girl is taking it or not."
— Brian Mahoney, sophomore



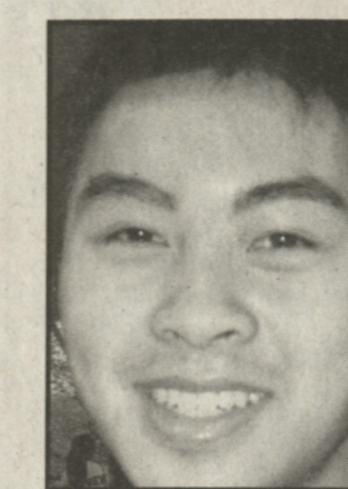
"Sure, why not?"
— Eric Bosh, senior



"I think it's good that women don't have as much responsibility."
— Gary Brotman, faculty



"If I had to, sure."
— Matt Harhai, sophomore



"No, I would not. There are other methods."
— Matt Ng, junior



"No I wouldn't."
— Victory Jimenez, sophomore

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Letter From the Editor

Know your history

By Justin Ritter

General Augusto Pinochet, the self-appointed President of Chile and leader of the military junta from 1973 to 1990, had a heart attack last weekend. Starting with an incident in October of 1998, this leader has continuously been charged for human rights abuses. During his dictatorship of about two decades, nearly 3,000 Chilean civilians went "missing" as a result of the military operation led by Pinochet to eradicate and purge all those in opposition of his military dictatorship.

So how did Pinochet come to power? During the Cold War, the U.S. and the Soviet Union were in an ideological battle between the ideas of capitalism and socialism; both the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. attempted to spread their influence over third world countries. Before Pinochet led the military coup that would place himself in power, the President of Chile was Salvador Allende; he was one of the first democratically elected Marxist Presidents in the world. Once in office, Allende adopted socialist programs like governmental health care systems and public educational programs, and reelected and redistributed land equally amongst the citizens of Chile. Most importantly, and possibly a partial reason for his succession, was Allende's attempt to nationalize Chile's industries such as the country's banks, factories and mines.

The U.S. was in strong opposition: on Sept. 11, 1973, the military junta led by Pinochet overthrew the democratically elected Communist leader Salvador Allende. According to the political leaders of the United States,

Allende was stealing the profits of the American investors when the Chilean President nationalized the once U.S.-owned industries. What is heavily controversial is the role of the United States during the coup. To this day, many leaders from the U.S. have denied the intervention in Chile, but, thanks to the Freedom of Information Act, new data has come forward to heavily suggest the CIA supported Pinochet in overthrowing the Allende administration. When former Secretary of the State Colin Powell was asked about the U.S. role in the intervention of Chile he responded: "With respect to your earlier comments about Chile in the 1970s and what happened with Mr. Allende, it is not a part of American history that we're proud of."

Once in power, General Pinochet privatized industries, reopened the free market, and privatized the collective housing attempts by Allende. The U.S. supported Pinochet as well as other military coups in Latin America during the Cold War; the support, the U.S. hoped, would create new American investment opportunities.

There is a broader message here than between the U.S. intervention of communist governments in Latin America and General Pinochet. Was the fight against communism during the Cold War really a fight against the Soviet Union, or was it an attempt to keep free trade active, like the case in Chile before 1973? U.S. wars such as the Vietnam, Korean and the current Iraq War have been classified as wars against demonic enemies, but what is strikingly similar between these wars and the U.S. support of the coup in Chile is the attempts or ideas by all these foreign countries, either domestically or foreign controlled, to nationalize their industries before U.S. intervention. Do these countries have a link somehow? Does nationalization of industries create the conditions necessary for the United States to desire to go to war? Maybe there is no simple answer, but what is particularly peculiar is the similarities between these countries.

Why would the U.S. start a war over something as non-threatening as economics? If businesses are nationalized and land is collectivized, then what happens to the dominance of foreign capital? It is taken away from the foreign business elites and given back to the people of the domestic country. If communism ever became the economic system of choice, the ability to exploit other countries by being able to pay extremely low wages or by monopolizing certain sectors of the foreign economy would become a dying trend. This was the fear of the U.S. during the Cold War.

Americans may not see nor understand the full implications of these economic exploitations, but there are others all throughout the world that understand far too well the reality of exploited labor. The American military agenda should not be based on economic affairs; real demonic actions are occurring in such places as Darfur, and I hope we have not been reluctant to save the people of this region because their economic sector perceivably holds no value for American investors.

The reason this article is entitled "Know your history" is because when you do you will understand the reality of the decisions made within our world, and when you do, you will see the world in a new light, and maybe once you see it, you will know why change needs to occur!

Police gone wild

Last Thursday, Salisbury University students, Blake Sutherland and Jonathan Zlatos held a going away party for Airman Victor Hopkins, who is a member of the United States Navy. The party was held not far from Salisbury University campus on Wilkins Street and was attended by close friends of Airman Hopkins and university students.

Shortly before Midnight, Salisbury City police officers were observed in front of the residence where the party was located. Upon noticing the police officers, Blake turned the music off and asked the party goers to be quiet because there may have been a complaint about the party. One police officer then came to the front of the house and knocked on the door. No one answered the door in hopes the police would go away since the music had been turned off and the party goers had quieted down. After it appeared that the police officers had left, Blake instructed that the music could be turned on but only if it was kept at a low volume. The music was then turned on at a low volume and the party continued. The police returned a half an hour later and officers knocked on the front door and demanded that everyone needed to leave. Again, no one answered the door or responded to the officer's request. They then proceeded to the back door where they continued their demands.

For an hour, the officers demanded everyone to get out of the house and further stated that if they did not, they would be arrested. Blake felt that if he left his house, the police officers would raid the residence. So in turn, Blake informed the officers that they could not come in the house without a search warrant. A police officer then responded back to Blake that if he did not come out he would be arrested. At no time during the arbitrary siege did the police state why they were there. The police managed to unlawfully break into Airman Hopkins' vehicle while he was inside the house. The vehicle was unreasonably searched and items were seized. While young adults may not have a degree in law, schools teach them that they do have rights. The fourth amendment states:

"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

Instead of the police leaving, it appears they decided to teach the

party goers a lesson. The officers sprayed mace through the back door, front door and windows. They flushed the party goers out of the house like wild animals. The gassing of the house was so severe that if permeated all rooms and floors of the house. A Salisbury student, Jen M., suffered a gas-induced asthma attack while other party goers panicked and scrambled to escape the gas filled house. The first person out of the house was Jonathan, who was then accosted by Officer Dubas of the Salisbury City Police, handcuffed, and taken to jail. Shortly after, Salisbury Police Officer Willey arrested Blake for exercising his fourth amendment rights.

The police reports had conflicting accounts of the night which both conveniently failed to mention gassing innocent students. Blake Sutherland is now in the process of suing the City of Salisbury for the conduct of their officers. If you have any information about the night, or if you are a student who has had problems with the police, please contact: js17078@students.salisbury.edu

Sincerely,
Blake Sutherland and Jonathan Zlatos

~SUDOKU~

The Rules of Sudoku

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution.

8	3			7				
	4				9	5		2
2		9	1					
5			9		4		7	
				3				
	6		5		7			4
					8	2		7
7		4	2				6	
		6			4			1

Solution to last week's puzzle:

5	4	7	2	8	9	6	1	3
2	1	8	5	3	6	9	4	7
3	6	9	7	1	4	5	2	8
6	9	5	3	4	1	7	8	2
4	8	3	9	7	2	1	6	5
1	7	2	6	5	8	4	3	9
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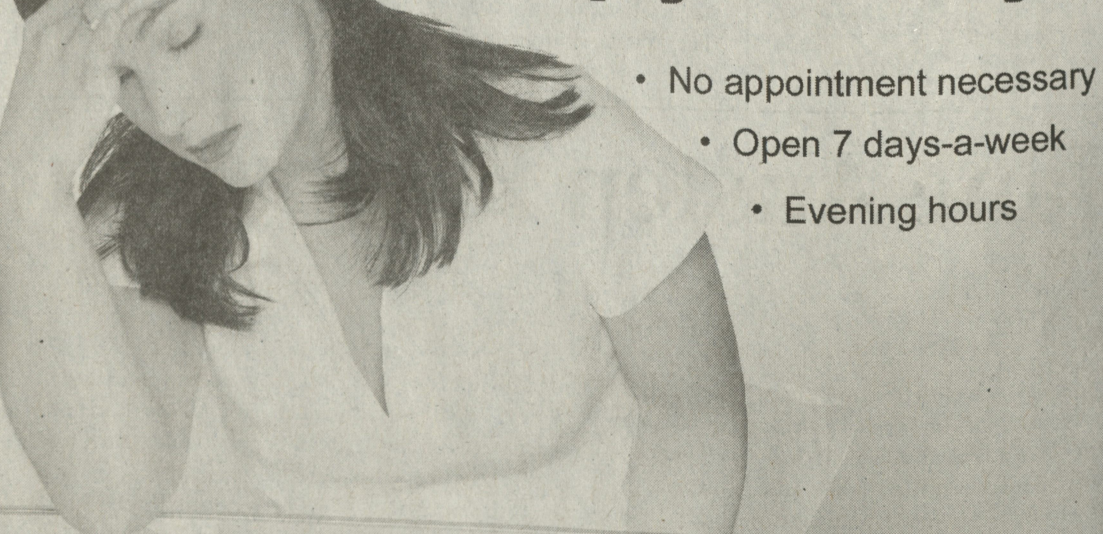
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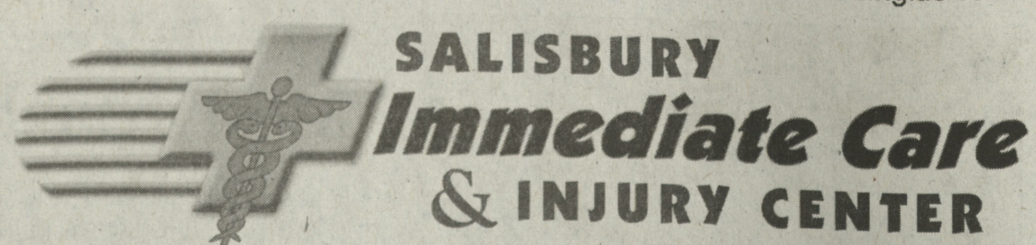
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Faculty Spotlight

New professor makes waves

By Diana Westenberg
Staff Writer

Beginning her career here in 2005, Kirsten Passyn is new to the SU staff. She is part of the management and marketing department, teaching principles of marketing, international marketing and consumer behavior.

Passyn graduated with an undergraduate degree in french literature and a Doctorate in marketing from Pennsylvania State University. She has come to Salisbury with an array of teaching experiences, having taught at Penn State, the University of Pennsylvania and St. Joseph's University before teaching at SU.

Most of Passyn's family lives in the Salisbury area, which was a major factor in her decision to apply to SU. She spoke of her choice saying, "I accepted the position because I was, and still am, very impressed with Salisbury."

Passyn is very involved on campus and is the student advisor for the American Marketing Association (AMA).

When asked about her favorite part of being a member of the SU staff, she knew just what to say.

"My favorite thing about SU is the students," she says. "I find the students are very involved and genuinely enjoy being on campus. In fact, many of my seniors are upset because the semester is coming to a close and that means they are becoming dangerously close to graduating. It is fun to teach students that are happy to be in school. This is why I really enjoy teaching here."

Passyn could barely answer when asked what she would be doing if she was not teaching.

"I've known for a long time that this was what I wanted to do." The one thing she said she dislikes most about teaching has to be the grading.

She is a new mom and she said that when she is not teaching she "loves spending as much time as possible with [her] seven month old son."

She also has two horses that she loves to ride when she manages to get some free time from teaching and from her time-consuming role of a new mother.

Since the holidays are approaching quickly, Passyn spoke of her exciting plans for her winter break,



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which may seem to be a little bit unconventional.

She said, "We are going to be spending Christmas on an island in the Bahamas." She continued talking of her trip saying, "With no power, no cell phone coverage, and no people, I'm looking forward to a quantity of quality time, without interruption, with my family."

Kirsten Passyn is a great addition to the SU staff. Not only is she a remarkable professor, but it is obvious how compassionate she is in both in her professional and family life.

Study, study, study

By Nicole Janer
Staff Writer

It seems that now that finals are approaching, students are still getting slammed with more and more work. Enough already, right?

Every student has their own way to study, whether it is to cram or to prepare well in advance — everyone does it differently.

Tip one: Find out the hours of the nearest Starbucks and Dunkin' Donuts.

Sharyn MacEwan, a junior, believes coffee is key. "I'm going to go get a lot of coffee and try to get as much sleep as I can before Sunday because that's when I'm starting," she laughs.

This has been very popular among students. There is nothing like a caffeine buzz and cramming for finals. With all this work, how can any student spend days studying for these exams?

Tip two: If you have the time start studying a few weeks in advance.

"I study for my first final, switch gears and study for my next final, switch gears and study for the next one, and so on," junior Megan Sauer says. "I can only do one at a time, or else it gets too confusing."

Taking the time to go over all homework and class notes really pays off. "I'm basically reworking all of my old homework problems," junior Amber Webster says. She believes it takes time but repetition always helps. If you have the time then use it wisely. Why cram and be stressed if you don't have to?

Tip three: The apartment isn't always the best place to study. Find out library hours and use them!

No matter how much students try, it is nearly impossible to stay totally quiet all the time in apartments when roommates are trying to study. Go to the library.

Senior Stephanie Sokerka says the library is an ideal place to study. "I can't study in my room, I get too distracted," she explains. "It is never quiet enough and there is always something going on around me. I just always want to get involved. That is why I go to the library when it is crunch time, or I never would get anything done."

No matter how stressed you are, just remember that finals only last a week, and then it's time for break and the holidays!

Student Spotlight

Dedication at its finest

By Lindsay Dickinson
Staff Writer

Imagine taking 18 credits this semester at SU as a senior, being involved on campus and receiving the blessing that your first child is due right at winter graduation time.

To Caitlin Reinhardt, this is nothing short of her life. She is a senior at SU with a major in communications and a minor in marketing. Caitlin is from Gambrell, Maryland.

While at SU, Caitlin has been a highly active member of Zeta Tau Alpha, and previously held the position of "Greek Week/Greek Council" on the Programming Council of ZTA.

On top of this, Caitlin is expecting a baby boy on the day of her graduation.

"My due date just got moved up to the 18th of December, graduation day, so I'm getting close," she smiles. "I don't have any names picked out yet, I want to see what he looks like first!"

With the baby coming, Caitlin has been experiencing the busiest semester of her life. With the help

of family and friends, she has been able to manage this semester.

"My family and friends have been absolutely wonderful and I don't know what I would have done without them," says Caitlin.

Caitlin is learning quickly as she goes through this semester how to manage her time and how to keep her grades up while being pregnant. But no matter how hard Caitlin tries, it can sometimes be overwhelming.

"I would have to say the lack of sleep is the hardest part of this pregnancy while trying to finish up school," Caitlin says. "I don't get a chance to sleep anymore because I don't want to slack off and have my grades suffer. I wish there were a few more hours in the day."

Along with the trials of this semester, Caitlin has proven that she will stop at nothing. She works extremely hard on her academics, and also stays involved in ZTA.

So, what motivates her? "My son motivates me," she explains. "I want to be able to provide for him and to do that, I need to maintain good grades to get a well paying job."

Caitlin has proven that she will



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definitely be a "Super-Mom." Many students have trouble just keeping their grades up, and Caitlin is truly an inspiration to everyone, showing that you can do anything if you put your heart into it.

So, before Caitlin leaves SU she has a bit of advice for her peers on how to be successful. "Don't let the small things get to you. You may get stressed, but remember everything that needs to get done, will," she says. "Enjoy college; it's going to be over before you know it!"

The best present of all: winter break

By Erica Tindale
Staff Writer

On any given day, if you walk into the library you see heads bent over books, eyes glued to computer screens and faces twisted with stress. The common reply to, "How are you?" seems to be, "I've got so much work!"

Yes, it's that time of year ... the end of semester crunch. The only saving grace: winter break. It is perhaps the best Christmas gift of all, time away from classes, essays, exams and stress in general.

"The last two weeks of school have been crazy, so I'm looking forward to taking it easy," senior Lizz Mullaney says.

Mullaney plans to spend her break with friends and family, and also at work. However, the

combination of break and work doesn't seem to bother her much.

"Every year I go home and work at the homemade candy store," she explains. "That kind of helps put me in the holiday spirit."

Work seems to be a major part of the break for many other students as well.

When asked what she plans to be doing over break, senior Elissa Mango replied, "Working." What is she looking forward to most? "Making money." Does she like the fact that Salisbury's break is longer than most? "Absolutely, extra time to make money."

This is understandable considering she, along with many other stressed shoppers, is having trouble coming up with the money for all the holiday gifts they would like to buy.

Fortunately, Mango also has a possible snowboarding trip to look forward to.

Greg Kohr is also worried about work over break, but for a very different reason. Technically, he doesn't really have a break. He's graduating after this semester and heading out into the real world.

Kohr plans to celebrate his graduation with a trip to Florida before finding a job. The strict itinerary for his Florida trip is as follows: "To relax, sit and play as much golf as I want."

Junior Dave Kroening is looking forward to getting some quality relaxation time in as well.

However, you wouldn't know it from hearing his plans.

"I'm going to go home, play some soccer, do a little 'Christmassing', probably go to

Virginia for soccer, Colorado to ski and then come back," he says.

On top of that, he'll be ringing in the New Year in the Big Apple. And yes, he did turn Christmas into a verb.

Despite his action packed plans, Kroening is really looking forward to celebrating Christmas with his family. "It's good times, good people, good food and good drinks," he explains.

So whether you're relaxing, working, snowboarding, golfing or just spending quality time with quality people, enjoy this winter break gift from Salisbury to you.



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Advice of the week:

Yep, we're turning that last corner and are almost to the finish line. This semester is almost over with and the work is, as well. Some of us will be working, going to school, studying for bigger tests, or just lounging over the break but whatever the case try to keep that for the break. In other words, if you still have schoolwork to do, try to get it all done and out of your way and finish strong. Whether it would be a paper that could use revising or three exams to study for, make sure what you have is bulletproof so that you can get that good grade...especially for those of you who are on the borderline.

Of course, once that's done you are going to feel you need a break...so go ahead. Take your break. But try not to forget that finals are next in line for you. I do know the feeling where you just want that small break to just continue into winter break but finals are in the way and you will want to do well on them. It's a pretty big chunk of your grade and it will make a difference. So if you want to play hard, study hard!

Feng shui creates positive energy for finals week

By Nicole Janer
Staff Writer

Feng Shui is the Chinese art or practice of positioning objects, especially graves, buildings, and furniture, based on a belief in patterns of yin and yang and the flow of chi that have positive and negative effects. However, there are ways to accomplish flow and energy without rearranging the furniture in your room, because with finals fast approaching, who has the time to do that?

The best way to prepare for finals is to make your study space

as clean as possible. If you are studying in your room keep it clean. This is because

studying in a messy room can be distracting.

Get rid of all those papers and bills that are laying on top of the desk, throw the clothes on hangers or in a draw, or wash some clothes. Try to take down

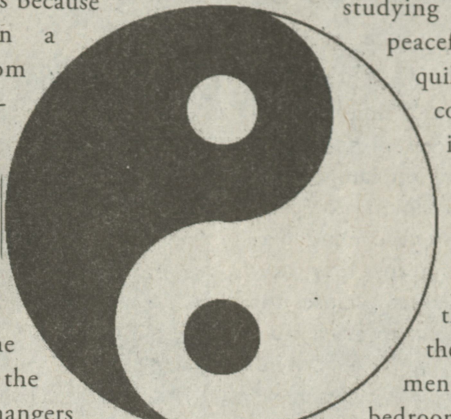
any loud and bright colors. The colors in the room you will be studying should be peaceful and tranquil. Too vibrant a color will make it difficult to rest.

Also, try to get some live plants and put them around the house, apartment or in your bedroom. Plants make a room peaceful.

Do something that lifts your

spirit, like placing wonderful smelling flowers at your desk. They will give you a fresher and rosier outlook on things. Many believe that finals are stressful, so anything that can give you a positive outlook is a plus.

A little Feng Shui in the bedroom, or wherever you wish to study, will make studying, and preparing, for finals a better experience.



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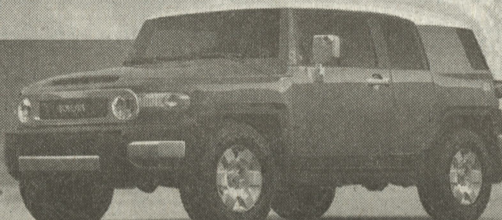
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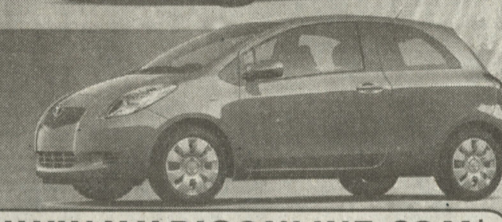
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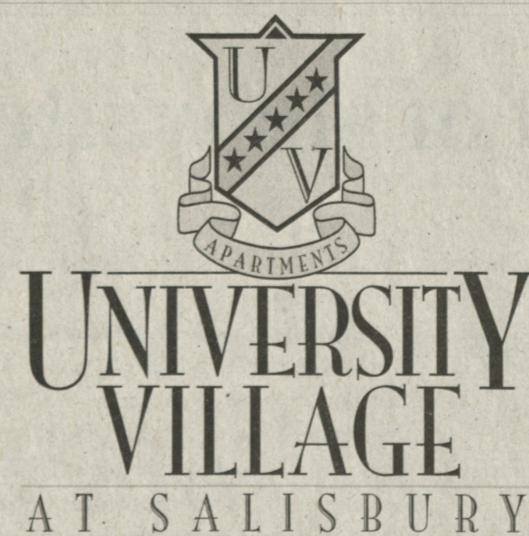


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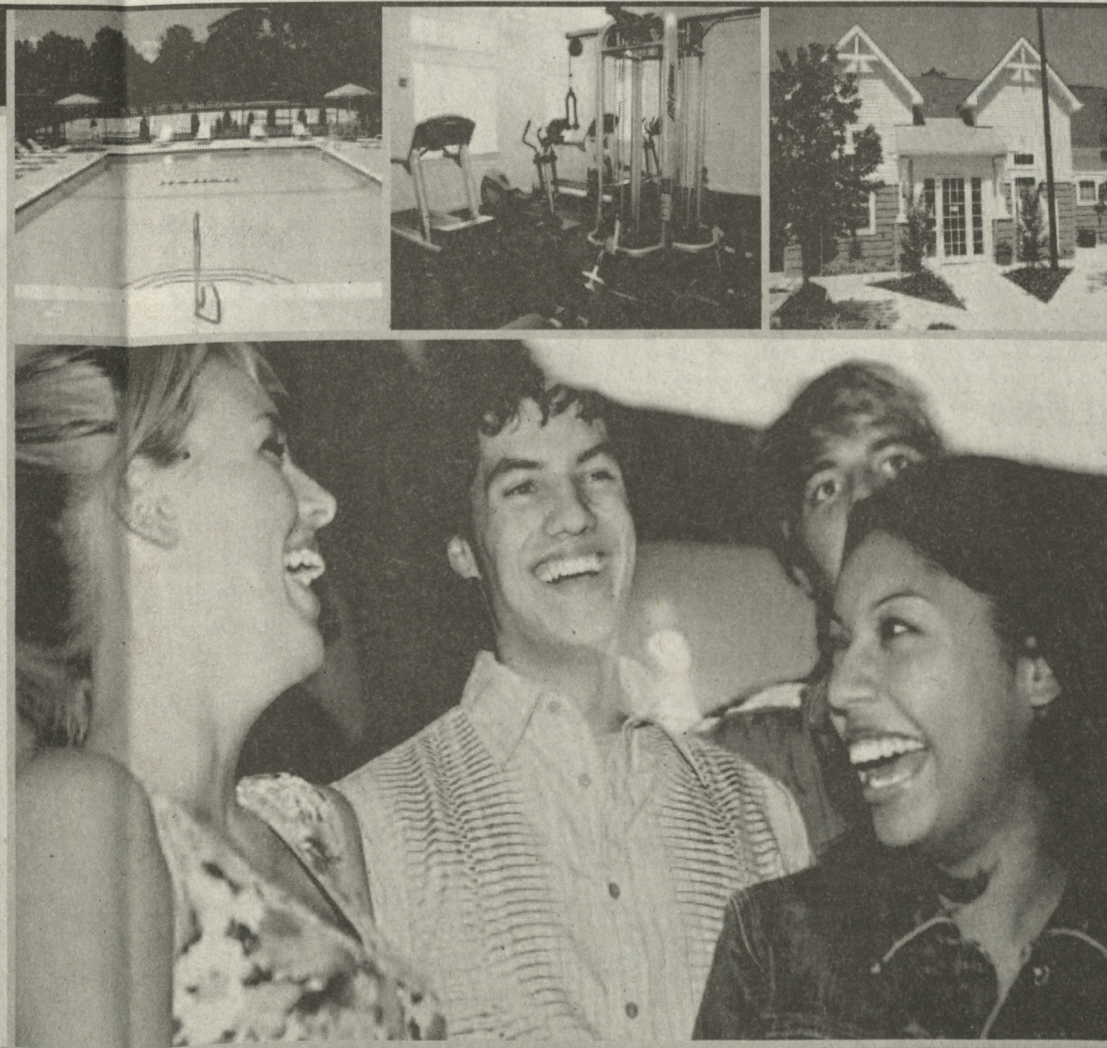
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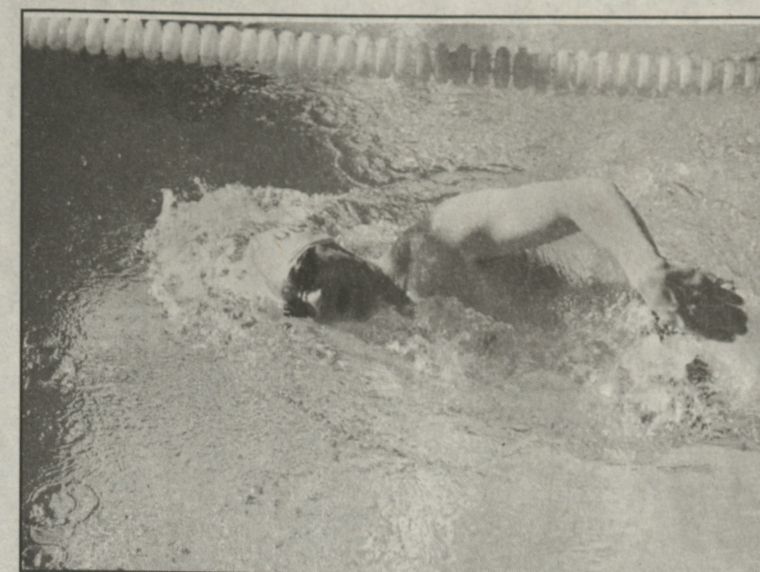


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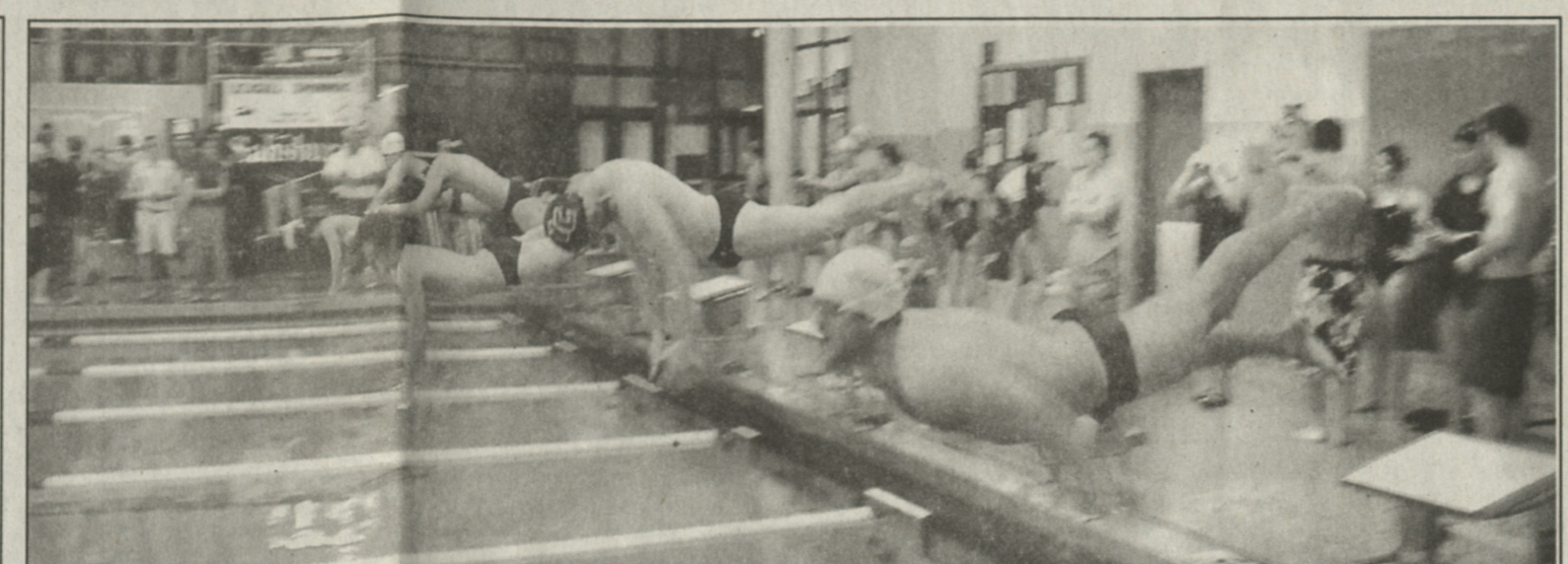
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Women's swimming improve record, men fall to York



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Men's swimming put up a great fight, but in the end, took a dive and fell 103-159 to York College. Ultimately, they won only two events, the 100 breaststroke and the 200 breaststroke, however they earned seven second place finishes.

By Lynsey Kanski
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University swim team came away with mixed results from their home meet against Capital Athletic Conference foe York College. The women's team improved their record to 3-4 and 2-2 in the CAC, beating the Spartans 153-109. The men were not as fortunate, as they fell 103-159.

"We swam great," said Head Coach Jill Stephenson. "This was a great way to end our season before the long break."

Salisbury senior Laura Allen led the women's side, scoring three individual first place finishes to go along with another first place on the

200 medley relay team. Allen won the 100 breaststroke, the 200 breast and the 400 individual medley, in which she broke a pool record with her time of 5:29.72. "The IM's are always really exciting," said Allen. "I was behind, but I'm a breaststroke, so I beat her with that."

The women came away with a win in the 200 relay medley and first place finishes in the 200 freestyle, 100 breaststroke, 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 200 breaststroke, 400 IM, and 200 freestyle relay. "We have been working really hard," said Allen, "and we all did really well, even the men."

Among the women's winners of Saturday's meet are Laura Kordzikowski, Raineen South, Hilary Yates, Erin Smith,

Janine Ferrari, and Maureen Gillespie.

The men put up a great fight. Despite occasionally being behind, the men's Salisbury swim team never quit. "We have been working really hard on finishing races," said Coach Stephenson, "and that paid off today. Both men and women worked hard until the end of every event."

The SU men's team only won two events, the 100 breaststroke and the 200 breaststroke, but the team earned seven second place finishes. Freshman Mike Ferrari recorded both first place finishes for the Gulls. Matt Anderson, Mike Fowler, Cole Magnus, Ryan Forbes, Chris McGaunn, Ross

Spangler, Jamie Overholt, and Brad Buckley all earned second place finishes for SU. McGaunn seized his opportunity for a second place finish in the 200 butterfly after the race leader from York suffered a cramp half a lap from the finish.

This was the SU swim team's last meet before a break lasting until January 6, when they will compete against Hood College in a CAC meet. The meet will be held in Frederick, Md., at 2 p.m.



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Silent Assassin Odumera provides leadership to Gulls

By Brendan Crawford
Staff Writer

Senior captain Segun Odumera is the second leading scorer for the Salisbury University men's basketball team averaging over 16 points a game. Odumera ranks in the top three in nearly every major statistical category for the team, and puts in nearly 33 minutes a game. The Riverdale, Maryland, native is shooting almost 42% from three point land and hopes to lead his team to the NCAA playoff.

When did you first realize you were going to be good at basketball?

I always knew I was pretty good at a young age, but I realized that I had a lot of talent when I started to beat some of the better players in my neighborhood. And I almost beat a guy who played professional basketball overseas.

What do you like to do when you're not working hard in the classroom or on the court?

I like to play Madden or NBA live.

What is the biggest roadblock you have faced in your collegiate career so far?

The biggest roadblock would have to be Catholic University. Three years in row they have either put us out of the playoffs or defeated us in the Conference Championship.

What are your predictions for your personal success for the upcoming season?

I would like to be one of the leading scorers and also, as a captain, lead my team to the NCAA tournament.

Do you have any superstitions when it comes to game time?

No, I wouldn't say I have any superstitions.

Who would you say is your biggest fan?

My biggest fan would have to be my younger cousin. He used to look up to me, now he's got a little talent



and thinks he's better than me.

Who is your favorite basketball player of all time, and why?

It would have to be Michael Jordan, to me he's the best basketball player ever. And he is unstoppable.

Kind of the same, but different, what NBA player would you compare your game to?

I would have to compare my game to Tracy McGrady only because when he plays he looks lazy but he's producing the most for his team. His game is so silent and it may look like he only has 20 points but at the end of the game he ends up with like 45 points. Which is very similar to my game. It may look like I only have 16 points but at the end of the game I have 27 points. That's why on the court I consider myself the silent assassin.

Who was your biggest positive influence growing up?

My parents would have to be my most positive influence. They taught me everything and I'm very lucky to have them as my parents.

What are your plans after SU?

After I graduate, hopefully I can continue to play basketball at a professional level, maybe overseas. If not, I will find a job in the CMAT track as a TV Producer.

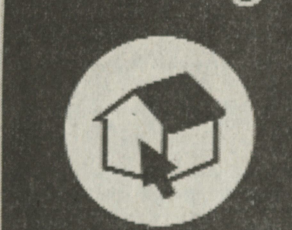
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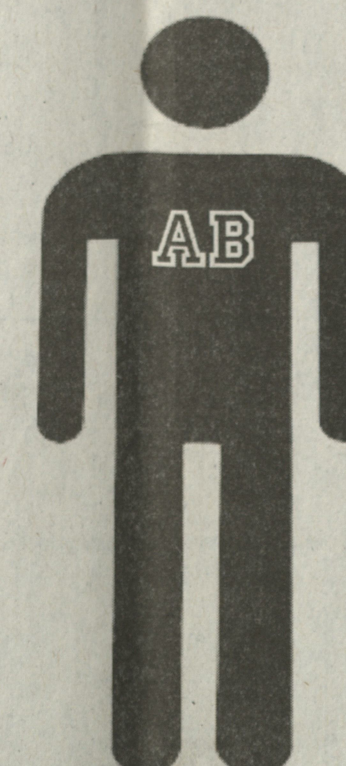
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Men's basketball rallies in second half of CAC opener

Joe Slaninka
Staff Writer

The Sea Gulls (5-2, 1-0 CAC) began Capital Athletic Conference play with a win over the York College Spartans (3-2, 1-1 CAC), 93-81. The win did not come easy as the Spartans led early, however the Gulls scored 55 points in the second half to earn the victory.

The first twenty minutes were full of turnovers, foul trouble and injuries, and the Sea Gulls seemed to be absent on defense. "They were just coming down [the court] and we weren't causing any pain to them. We were just out there," Head Coach Steve Holmes said. Salisbury suffered a huge blow when freshmen forward Mike Hacke left the game with a high ankle sprain towards the end of the half. Nothing seemed to be going right as York took a 47-38 lead into half-

time.

The Sea Gulls began the second half on fire, as they went on a 13-2 run in the first two and a half minutes. Early three pointers by senior Ray Williams, who recorded 13 points, three rebounds along with three assists, and sophomore Devin Jones, who had 17 points, five rebounds and three assists, sparked the Sea Gulls' comeback. After a few lead changes, the Sea Gulls finally took command of the game, going up by 12 halfway through the second half. The Sea Gulls staved off the offensive threat of the Spartans for the rest of the second half, en route to a 93-81 victory.

All five of the Sea Gulls' starters scored in double figures in the game. Senior guard Segun Odumeru woke up late in the game as he added 13 of his 16 points in their second half comeback. Big games also came from sophomore forward Ozi



Brian McMullen/The Flyer
A Salisbury offender drives past York to attempt a shot in the first half of the game.

Menakaya, who had 14 points and ripped down eight rebounds, and junior forward Frank Gerald, who

put up 15 points and six rebounds. The Sea Gulls' timely win breaks a two game losing streak as they go on



Brian McMullen/The Flyer
Salisbury takes another shot and follows through for an added three points to their score.

the road for the next two games against Goucher and Gallaudet on Dec. 6 and 9, respectively. They

return home on Jan. 9 against rival Washington College at 7:30 p.m.

Lady Gulls win OT home opener thriller



Brian McMullen/The Flyer
In overtime the Gulls led by as many as six and held on to take down the Spartan's 75-71.

By Shawn Nisson
Sports Editor

The Salisbury University women's basketball team (4-1 CAC1-0) trailed conference foe York by 16 points with just over nine minutes left in regulation. The Gulls stormed back, creating turnovers and hitting shots, eventually tying the game with 19.5 seconds left on a free throw from Catherine Mills

, pushing the game into an extra frame. In overtime the Gulls led by as many as six and held on to take down the Spartans 75-71.

The first half saw five lead changes but neither team could grab an advantage larger than six. The Spartans' (3-3 CAC 1-1) took charge early in the second half, building a 10 point lead just over five minutes in. With 9:12 left on the clock, Keli Ward drained a three

pointer for York, extending their lead to 16 and seemingly dashing the Gulls hopes.

From that point on, the Gulls dominated, outscoring the Spartans 27-7 in regulation, 38-14 including overtime. The Gulls' pressure defense led to nine turnovers, resulting in 12 points during the nine minute span. Salisbury junior guard Meghan Phillips scored a game-high 27 points, but it was Mills who hit



Brian McMullen/The Flyer
A Salisbury defender sticks to York as she dribbles the ball up the court. The Gulls face off with Widener University on Dec. 8 at 6 p.m.

the front end of a one-and-one to send the game to OT.

Mills, along with older sister Jessica Mills, set the tone for the Gulls, scoring eight of the team's 11 points in the extra session. The pair combined for 25 points for the day (Jessica recorded 13, Catherine had 12) to go along with ten rebounds.

The Gulls forced 34 turnovers for the game, turning them into 30 points. SU finished the game shooting 33.3% from the field and 40% from beyond the arc. Salisbury also held a large advantage at the line shooting 21-30(70%) while York only made 9 of 15 attempts.

This was the Gulls' fourth straight victory and it also marked the seventh consecutive conference opener the Gulls have won, dating back to the 2000-01 season. The Gulls face off with Widener University on Dec. 8 at 6 p.m.

SEA GULL SPORTS BEAT

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Salisbury University's men's basketball team fell short to top-ranked and defending national champions Virginia Wesleyan 73-64. SU (4-2) upset the Marlins last year and had a hankering to do it again, leading at the half 32-31. There were 15 lead changes, but the Gulls never led by more than five.

The Gulls fell behind for good in the second half 47-45 after Virginia Wesleyan's Ari Paschal hit a three pointer, his only basket from the field. The Marlins (2-1) scored 20 points off of 16 Salisbury turnovers, and deposited another 20 points off of second chance points. Ray Williams dropped 27 points and Segun Odumeru con-

tributed another 11 to lead the team's offense. Frank Gerald had a team-high seven rebounds to go along with nine points. The Gulls shot better than 53 percent from the field but could not pull off the upset for the second year in a row. The Gulls will play two conference road games this week and won't return to Maggs Gym until Jan. 4, when they take on Washington College.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

After being tied at 18 with 8:30 remaining in the first half, the Salisbury University women's basketball team outscored Hood College 24-8, propelling the team to their third straight victory 75-54. The Sea Gulls (3-1) were led

by Meghan Phillips and Jessica Mills, who both scored 11 first half points, and finished the game with 17 and 13 points, respectively, to lead the Gulls' offensive charge.

Kylie Hall pulled down a team high nine rebounds to help SU win the battle of the boards, out rebounding the Blazers 47-42. Hood's(0-3) Jennifer Willison lead all scorers with 18 points. The Gulls largest lead was 17. With just under 16 minutes to play, Hood College cut that lead to seven with ten minutes left in regulation. Salisbury didn't panic, however, and ended the game on a 24-10 run to ice the victory away. SU will take on out-of-conference foe Widener University on Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. in Maggs Gym.

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